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Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should suspend the proposed sale of the Army Tactical Missile System to the Government of the Republic of Turkey until that government takes significant and concrete steps to end the military occupation of Cyprus, lift its blockade of Armenia, cease its ongoing campaign against the Kurdish people and demonstrate progress on the protection of human and civil rights within Turkey.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 22, 1995

Mr. PALLONE submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Administration has proposed the foreign military sale to the Republic of Turkey of 120 Army Tactical Missiles (ATACMS), a ground-launched surface-to-surface, conventional, semi-guided ballistic missile which carries

an anti-personnel/anti-material cluster warhead capable of spraying shrapnel over a 150-square-meter area;

Whereas this weapon system has not previously been sold to any other foreign government;

Whereas the Government of Turkey is conducting a war against the Kurds within Turkey and has made incursions into Kurdish areas of Iraq, resulting in thousands of civilian casualties and millions of refugees;

Whereas Turkey continues its occupation of one-third of the territory of Cyprus, having declared a “Northern Republic of Cyprus,” an entity that has no international recognition, and resisting good-faith efforts of the United States, Greece, and other nations and international bodies to end the conflict;

Whereas the Government of Turkey maintains a blockade of its border with the Republic of Armenia, which has blocked the delivery of American humanitarian aid to Armenia and complicated its delivery;

Whereas evidence has linked Turkey to the unauthorized transfer of United States and North Atlantic Treaty Organization weapons to the Republic of Azerbaijan;

Whereas international human rights organizations continue to cite Turkey for egregious violations of the basic human rights and freedoms of its own citizens; and

Whereas the sale of this weapons system to the Government of Turkey is thus objectionable on many grounds: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
- 3 resentatives that the President should suspend the pro-

1 posed sale of the Army Tactical Missile System to the Gov-
2 ernment of Turkey until—

3 (1) such Government moves to end its occupa-
4 tion of Cyprus;

5 (2) lifts its embargo of Armenia;

6 (3) ceases its military campaign against the
7 Kurdish people; and

8 (4) takes constructive steps to improve its do-
9 mestic human rights record.

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